

Ms. Jennifer Williams – Key Points

1. Ms. Williams did not discuss Rudy Giuliani’s activities in Ukraine with General Kellogg (her supervisor) or Vice President Pence. (p. 27-28)

Q: Did you ever discuss Rudy Giuliani’s activities in Ukraine with General Kellogg?

A: Not – not specifically. I had flagged the press coverage of Mr. Giuliani’s statements about what he wanted to see the Ukrainians do in the context of Ambassador Yovanovitch’s removal, but other than that had no specific discussions with General Kellogg about Mr. Giuliani.

Q: What about with the Vice President?

A: No.

Q: Did you flag those – the news articles for the Vice President?

A: I had flagged the May 28th Ukrainian interview – Ukrainian media interview in a daily update for the Vice President, but had had no personal conversation with him about it.

2. Ms. Williams was not aware of any unofficial or back channel lines of information that were flowing to President Trump. (p. 30)

Q: Aside from what Rudy Giuliani was up to in Ukraine, were you aware of any other kind of unofficial or back channel lines of information that were flowing to the President on Ukraine?

A: No, no. And, again, for Mr. Giuliani was only through press reporting.

3. Vice President Pence assured President Zelensky that there was no change in US policy and that Ukraine had the full-throated support of the US. (p. 83-84)

A: President Zelensky agreed in the sense that I think he certainly would welcome more support from all allies and partners. He made the point, though, that as important as the funding itself was, that it was the strategic value of – the symbolic value of U.S. support in terms of security assistance that was just as valuable to the Ukrainians as the actual dollars.

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A: He was making the point that, you know, any hold or appearance of reconsideration of such assistance might embolden Russia to think that the United States was no longer committed to Ukraine.

Q: Okay. And what was the Vice President’s reaction to that?

A: He assured President Zelensky that there was no change in U.S. policy in terms of our full – full-throated support for Ukraine and its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and assured that he would convey back to President Trump what he had heard from President Zelensky in terms of Zelensky’s good progress on reforms, so that hopefully we could get a decision on the security assistance as soon as possible.

4. During the Vice President's September 1, 2019 meeting with President Zelensky, there was no specific mention of any investigations. (p. 85)

Q: And during the course of the meeting there was no discussion of any investigations that the Ukrainians were to do?

A: No specific investigations, no.

Q: Okay. Like the 2016 election didn't come up?

A: It did not.

Q: CrowdStrike didn't come up?

A: No.

Q: Okay. Former VP Biden –

A: No.

Q:-- didn't come up? The name was uttered?

A: Not once.

Q: And the name Burisma never came up?

A: No.

Q: And you weren't surprised by that?

A: No, I wasn't expecting those specific issues to necessarily come up.

5. Ms. Williams was unaware of any conditionality related to the hold on foreign assistance to Ukraine, which was lifted on September 11. (p. 103)

A: So I was not aware of any conditionality or what the reason for the hold was, and what that might be dependent on. It's only later on through this process that I understand there were other conversations happening outside of what we could consider to be official diplomatic channels.

Q: And you've learned that through –

A: Press reporting.

Q: -- open-source press reporting?

A: Correct.

Q: So everything that you know about any nefarious purpose actually came through press reports, no official channels?

A: That's correct, and we had no understanding of what the actual reason for the hold was.

6. After meeting with President Zelensky on September 1, Vice President Pence called President Zelensky on September 18 to reiterate the news that hold on security assistance had been lifted and made no mention of investigations. (p. 136-37)

Q: Are you aware of the call between Vice President Pence and President Zelensky on September 18?

A: Yes.

Q: What was the purpose of that call?

A: The purpose was to follow up on his successful meeting with President Zelensky on September 1, and to reiterate the news that the security assistance hold had been lifted, and that the security assistance would be provided. We knew at that

point that President Zelensky was already aware that the security assistance would be released. But because the Vice President had a successful meeting with President Zelensky, it was a good opportunity for them to have a follow-on conversation.

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Q: [was there any discussion about] What about the investigations that we've been talking about today?

A: No.

7. The Vice President did not prepare President Zelensky in any way for his meeting with President Trump at the United Nations General Assembly. (p. 140)

Q: Did Vice President Pence give President Zelensky any kind of talking points or phrases or keywords to use with President Trump during their meeting?

A: No.